

## MONETT'S NEW \$52,000 MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED WEDNESDAY

Grand Master Bert S. Lee Presides Over Dedication Ceremonies. Building and Furnishings Cost \$52,000.

The dedication of Monett's new \$52,000 Masonic Temple took place this afternoon (Wednesday) Grand Master Bert S. Lee, of Springfield, presiding. Only members of the Masonic orders witnessed the ceremonies.

William Y. Bean, Grand Commander; F. P. Sizer and S. A. Chapell, of Monett, made the principal addresses. E. E. Morris, Grand High Priest, was unable to come to take part on the program.

At 6 o'clock the DeMolay Chapter served lunch in the banquet room of the temple. The meal was prepared by the Broadway Hotel chefs.

Among the Springfield Masons who came to attend the dedication were Arthur Dailey, L. N. Cogley, Rev. C. H. Briggs, W. B. Linney, Wm. G. Rathbone and George Custer.

### The Building.

The new Masonic Temple is one of the most beautiful and most complete lodge rooms in this section of the state. It is located at the corner of Fourth and Bond streets and faces the west. It is built on the site of the old building, which was destroyed by fire last year. The new building fully equipped will cost about \$52,000.

Plans for the building were selected by a building committee of the Masonic lodge, composed of F. M. Shriver, G. W. Finn, N. E. Spain, R. L. Peters, J. J. Davis, A. A. Britain and Sig. Solomon. Hecklively & Mark, of Springfield, are the architects. M. E. Gillioz, of Monett, was awarded the contract.

The building is constructed of beautiful browned toned brick with stone facing. It is 84-4 by 60-4 feet in size and contains two stories, mezzanine floor and basement. The building is lighted by many windows with small paned sashes. The windows to the mezzanine floor have iron railed balconies projecting from the front of the building.

Entering the front of the building through double doors, a large hallway runs through the center. The stairway to the upper floor leads from the hallway at the front and at the rear is the stairway to the basement.

The office rooms south of the hall are occupied by the law firm of Sizer & Gardner. Office rooms on the north are occupied by Dr. W. M. West. Both suites are marvels of beauty and efficiency.

Across the rear of the first floor is the DeMolay lodge room which is 25-5 by 40 feet in size. This will be used by the DeMolay boys and by other lodges. The entrance is on the south side of the building, above the outside entrance to the basement. Anterooms are on the south side.

The main lodge room is on the second floor and is 39 by 56 feet in size, fronting on the south and east. This is a beautiful room, the woodwork finished in dark oak. The walls are tinted in tan, with a dado of brown burlap. The background of the front station is of polished oak woodwork, and the opposite end of the room back of the rostrum has a panel of blue burlap in oak woodwork. The ceiling is tinted in blue. On the floor is a beautiful velvet carpet in mulberry shades. Suitable furniture will be placed, making the lodge room rich and beautiful to see. As the lodge furniture did not arrive in time for the dedication, a local furniture store loaned furniture from stock for the occasion.

West of the lodge room are tyler's room, secretary's room, council room, preparation room and ante rooms. North of the main lodge room is a smaller room to be used by St. Albans Chapter and Harmony Commandery. On the mezzanine floor are lockers, committee rooms and a balcony overlooking the main lodge room.

In the basement is a large banquet hall, spacious kitchen, equipped with built in cabinets, tables, range and oil stove. Furnace and fuel rooms occupy the north side of the basement.

Evidently nothing has been omitted from the plans to make the building complete in equipment for every need that may arise.

### Historical Sketch.

The Masonic lodge was instituted in Monett in 1889. The charter was granted to them October 15, 1890. The late John Lopp was the first Master, C. C. Lane, senior warden; J. P. Westbay, junior warden; Coleman T. Drake, senior deacon; Columbus Peden, junior deacon; J. B. Drake, tyler and O. W. Barker, treasurer. Charter members were John Lopp, J. P. Westbay, C. C. Lane, J. B. Drake, T. J. Lane, J. L. Downing, M. W. Drake, C. M. Swetnam, John Pollock, T. H. Jeffries, Isaac Kahn, Reuben Thomas, George Hollan, Coleman T. Drake, Columbus Peden, L. W. Badger, O. W. Barker, C. T. Dusenbury and Samuel P. Cowan.

The lodge first met in the hall in the brick building at the corner of Third and Broadway now occupied by the Farmer's Exchange. From there they went to a lodge room in the brick building owned by L. A. Mason at 602 Broadway. In 1900 they built the third story on the First National Bank building at the corner of Fourth

and Broadway, which they occupied for twenty years.

The Masons bought the building constructed by the B. P. O. Elks at the corner of Fourth and Bond streets for a club house, and remodeled it for their own use. They had a beautiful lodge room on the second floor and had just become nicely settled in the building when it was destroyed by fire April 18, 1921. A hurried move was made to the Markwell building, where they have remained until this time. They lost much valuable material and records and charters in the fire. They set to work immediately to make plans for a larger and better home and the new building now being dedicated is the result.

The Blue Lodge at this time numbers almost 450 members. Officers serving at this time are F. A. Logan, W. M.; Melvin L. Lane, S. W.; H. B. Gleaves, J. W.; O. Barker, treasurer and Sig. Solomon, secretary. Mr. Solomon has served for twenty-two years in the capacity of secretary, and retires from that office this year. Officers of the lodge who will be installed December 27 of this year are Melvin L. Lane, W. M.; H. B. Gleaves, S. W.; H. C. Fleming, J. W.; F. M. Shriver, secretary; O. W. Barker, treasurer.

In addition to the Blue Lodge the Masonic fraternity at Monett consists of St. Albans Chapter instituted April 24, 1890 at Peirce City and moved to Monett in 1902; Harmony Commandery No. 58, organized in 1894; Monett Chapter No. 190 Order of the Eastern Star, which received its charter January 20, 1890; Aloha Chapter No. 240 Order of the Eastern Star instituted September 22, 1916; Bethlehem Shrine of the White Shrine of Jerusalem instituted May 11, 1920 and the Order of DeMolay, which received its charter June 28, 1921.

Officers of Harmony Commandery No. 58 for 1922 are Eminent Commander, R. B. Kyler; Generalissimo, F. A. Logan; Captain General, W. E. Smiley; Prelate, C. E. Vaughan; treasurer, W. C. Bray; recorder, J. L. Hobbs; senior warden, W. R. Isbell; junior warden, V. A. Willey.

The officers for 1923 are Eminent Commander, F. A. Logan; Generalissimo, W. R. Isbell; Captain General, V. A. Willey; Prelate, C. E. Vaughan; treasurer, W. C. Bray; recorder, F. M. Shriver; senior warden, H. B. Gleaves; junior warden, R. R. Wilson.

J. L. Hobbs, after twelve years service as secretary, retires this year. St. Alban Chapter No. 113 Royal Arch has as officers for 1922, High Priest, F. E. Bowen; King, O. J. Gulick; secretary, J. L. Hobbs; treasurer, W. M. Wainwright. Officers elect for 1923 are High Priest, O. J. Gulick; King, W. R. Isbell; scribe, J. L. Hobbs; treasurer, W. M. Wainwright and secretary, F. M. Shriver.

### DEMOLAY PATROL RE-ORGANIZE

Harmony Patrol of Monett Chapter Order of DeMolay met at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 17, and re-organized the patrol with sixteen members and three officers. The officers are: R. B. Kyler, commander; Homer Counts, first lieutenant; William Stewart, second lieutenant.

### PLEASANT RIDGE

Hollis Walton who, is working for Claud Fletcher visited home folks Saturday night and Sunday.

Those that visited at the home of Aaron Black Sunday were Jim Binion, Harold Kerns, Nora Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Black.

Henry Henson who is sick is slowly improving.

The little son of Fannie Ferrell is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor and family, Walter Lawson and son High, Eldon Pennell and wife and Mr. Chas. Mattis of Kansas visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolton Sunday.

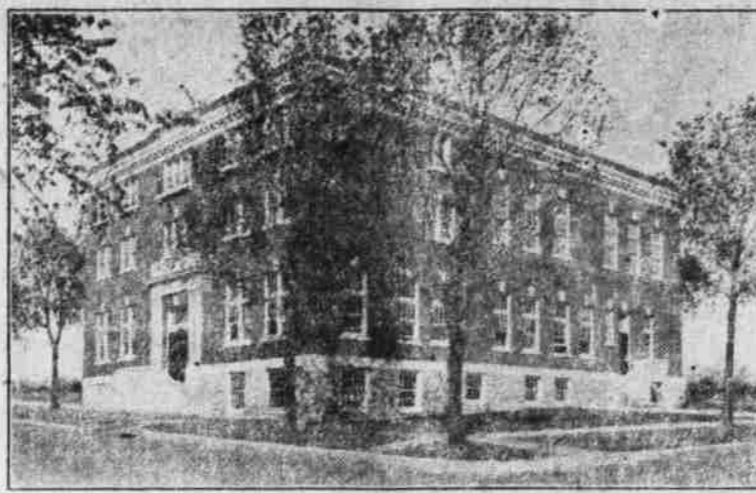
Wanda Lawson visited Miss Aza Crouch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Haley visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ferrell Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bertha Pennell visited her sister Nova Terrell Wednesday of last week.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

Mrs. W. H. Such was shopping in Springfield Tuesday.



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### A TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Monett Choral Club to Give Christmas Cantata in Costume at Methodist Church Friday Evening.

The Choral Concert to be given under the auspices of the Music Club promises to be a rare musical treat to music lovers of Monett. This concert will be given at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, December 22nd. Prof. Marcus Peterson of Aurora is directing the Cantata, which is a very beautiful story of the Birth of Christ.

The story is divided into four parts. Part I. Let there Be Light deals with the creation of the world, the misery and sorrow preceding the birth of Christ when the world was in sin and had no hopes and in which the people of the world are pleading for light and are finally promised a Savior to lead them into the light.

Part II. The Trembling King. This part shows the dread and fear of Herod as he begins to hear about this Christ that has been born and his fear that he will lose his great power because of this strange king about whom he is hearing so much. In this part the wise men visited Herod inquiring for the Christ.

Part III. The Star of Bethlehem. The shepherds see the star and hear the angels announcing the birth of the Christ and there is great excitement in Judah as to the finished prophecy of a Savior and the great number of the people acknowledge that a Savior has come and there is great rejoicing, as they feel that the mournful years are gone and Israel's night is lost in Israel's dawn.

Part IV. The Holy Family. Mary and Joseph implore the help of God in this wonderful hour of fulfillment of prophecy. The shepherds come from their fields to find the Child so long foretold. The wise men from afar come bringing their gifts to the precious babe.

About twenty-five will be in the cantata. The part of Herod will be taken by Mr. Harry Fleming, Bass, the watchman by Bruce Burchard of Aurora, the voice in the wilderness by M. T. Davis of Aurora, Balthasar, one of the wise men, will be taken by Prof. Peterson; Cydia, an attendant to the King by Miss Noveta Brown; Zedish, a prophetess of Israel will be taken by Miss Lillian Alsop. Mary and Joseph will be taken by Mrs. E. W. Russey and Mr. Leslie Mason.

The choruses are composed of the best talented singers in Monett.

The cantata will be given in costume. There will be no admission charge to the concert but the Music Club has had considerable expense in the training for the Cantata and a free will offering will be taken at the church and it is to be hoped that people will respond liberally at that time in order that they may show their appreciation of an effort to give to Monett the best in music.

### WHAT'S THE REASON

Many Monett People in Poor Health Without Knowing the Cause.

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps their kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and that may be the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys, assist them in their work—give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills—endorsed by people all over the country and by your neighbors in Monett. Ask your neighbor!

E. M. Whitney, prop. restaurant, 601 Third street, Monett, says: "I have had spells when my back would get sore and lame and I could scarcely move because of the sharp, cutting pains which darted through me. Whenever I notice this trouble coming on I always get Doan's Kidney Pills at McKee's Drug Store and they soon put a stop to the trouble. A box or so have always relieved the backache and strengthened up my kidneys in good shape."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Whitney had. Foster-Milburn Co. Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

### HUNG JURY IN JOHNSON CASE

The case of the City of Monett against W. A. Johnson, charged with operating a pool hall within a restricted district, which is within four blocks of a school or church, was tried in Police court before Judge D. B. Meador Tuesday afternoon at the city hall. After hearing the evidence in the case it went into the hands of the jury about 5 o'clock and resulted in a hung jury of 3 to 3. A new trial will be granted after the first of the year. The dates has not been agreed upon.

Important evidence in the case was a letter read which was written by Mayor A. W. Thomas on October 3, and sent to the County Court, in which Mr. Thomas advised the court to grant county license to Mr. Johnson to operate a pool hall in Monett. On the strength of the said letter, the license was granted. This is a test case to test the legality of the city ordinance on this subject.

Mr. Johnson is not charged with operating a pool hall without city license, but for violation of the city ordinance which restricts pool halls within a limited distance of schools and churches.

Attorneys J. E. Sater and T. D. Steele were counsel for the defendant and J. T. Burgess and E. C. Medlin were attorneys for the city.

The jurors were: B. E. Williams, Fred Walton, Fenton Boucher, Ambrose Black, I. L. Mace and E. E. Riggs.

### PIONEER

George Hutchins and sister Esther were Monett visitors Saturday.

Earl and Cecil Francis of Wheaton spent the week-end with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stark and little daughter Pauline called on Mrs. George Berzel Sunday night.

Misses Lovena Bradley, Nora Wogoman and Leah Hart, Messrs Lee Whittington, Emery Chastain and Arthur Brown attended church at New Salem Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchins and little son Earl spent Sunday at the home of John McTeer near Purdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Craft and little son Ray who have been visiting at the home of the latter's father Henry Bivins departed for their home in Joplin Saturday.

Col. A. L. Belka spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting at Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lehr and daughters were shopping in Peirce City Saturday.

John Lampkins has been suffering for a week with a very sore hand.

Oren McMillon was a pleasant caller at the home of Miss Beulah Coatney Sunday.

Mrs. Orville Berzel and children and Miss Ara Hance were the dinner guests of Mrs. Maggie Jeffries Sunday.

I will ring off wishing the Times and all of its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### MONETT CASES IN SPRINGFIELD COURT OF APPEALS

Two Monett cases were tried in the December call of the October term of the Springfield court of appeals at Springfield Monday, December 18.

The case of Clara Opal King, respondent, vs The Standard Accident Insurance Company, appellant, was argued and submitted to the jury. The result will not be learned before 30 days. Attorney D. S. Mayhew represented Mrs. King, and Attorney L. D. Steele represented the Insurance Company.

The case of Luther M. Burkhart, respondent, vs. The Industrial Transportation company, appellant, was continued to the February call. Attorney James E. Sater represented the Industrial Transportation Company.

### CHRISTMAS RED CROSS SEAL CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

"The Christmas Red Cross seal campaign is meeting with success," says Dr. C. T. Dusenbury, campaign manager. The merchants have been very liberal in buying and the contributions are steadily climbing. The campaign started last Friday and will continue until the first of the year.

Mrs. W. H. Lipe and daughter Willa Helen went to Springfield, Tuesday, to spend the day with Raymond Lipe, student at the State Teachers College.

### A. T. BRAMER DIES TUESDAY EVENING

A. T. Bramer, a prominent contractor and builder of Monett, died at his home, 504 Eighth street, at 7:40 o'clock Tuesday evening, after more than four months illness with cancer of the glands of the neck. He was 70 years, 11 months and 22 days old.

Funeral services will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic church at 9 o'clock Friday morning, December 22, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Father McNamee. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

August T. Bramer was born at St. Louis, October 27, 1852. He was married to Miss Annie Chavne in Bolinger county, Missouri, September 25, 1878. Following his occupation of contractor and builder, Mr. Bramer moved a number of times, living at different times at Leopold, Mo.; St. Leoborg and St. Petersburg, Neb., Fort Scott, Kansas, Talmadge and Wentworth, Mo. The family came to Monett about twenty-five years ago, and with the exception of a short time they lived at Oklahoma City, they have made their home here since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bramer were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living. George Bramer died several years ago. The children living are A. M. Bramer, of Joplin; F. P. Bramer, Houston, Tex.; J. G. Bramer, Mrs. P. C. Wimsatt, Mrs. Pete Hanlon Charles Bramer and Mrs. C. L. Sweet, of Monett and Mrs. A. T. Huffman, of Springfield.

Mr. Bramer led an active life up to August of this year. At that time a cancer developed in the glands of his neck. Everything known to science was done to relieve him, but the disease could not be conquered and was the cause of his death.

The deceased was a good and honorable citizen and a kind and loving husband and father.

### WILLIAM E. THACKER DIES

William E. Thacker, 56 years old, of Joplin, Mo., died at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 19, at St. John's hospital following an operation. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ceolia Thacker and one daughter, Mrs. C. E. Ash of Monett. No funeral arrangements have been made.

### DAVE A. NEWLON DIES

David A. Newlon died at his home at 217 Myrtle street, Wednesday morning, December 20. His death was caused from indigestion. He had been ill only since Monday.

The deceased was born at Terre Haute, Ind., and was 79 years old. The arrangements have not been made for the funeral.

Mr. Newlon's son, C. A. Newlon, and his son-in-law, Claud Epps, had just arrived home from Jefferson City on Tuesday morning.

### JONATHAN D. GOODNIGHT SUC-CUMBS TO HEART DISEASE

Relatives in Monett received the news Tuesday of the death of Jonathan D. Goodnight of Pineville, Mo., which occurred some time Tuesday. His death was attributed to heart disease. The remains were brought to Monett Wednesday morning and funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the New Salem church, conducted by the Rev. Crawford, assisted by Rev. Goodnight. Burial was made in the family cemetery.

The surviving relatives are his wife and seven children, Mrs. I. E. Jackson and Mrs. Claude Beymer of Kings Prairie township; Earl Goodnight of California, Rev. Clarence Goodnight, Lloyd Goodnight and Vernon Goodnight of the home address and another daughter whose name could not be learned and who resides at Pineville.

### BISHOP QUAYLE MAY BE REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

Baldwin, Kansas Dec. 19.—Bishop W. A. Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal church, St. Louis, who is critically ill at his home here, will be taken to a hospital at St. Joseph, Mo., next Tuesday if his condition has improved sufficiently. This announcement was made late today by Mrs. William J. McGill of St. Joseph.

Since the bishop's second paralytic stroke last Sunday, his side has been affected and his speech partly impaired.

Dr. McGill returned to St. Joseph today.

### OZARK FRUIT GROWERS ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ozark Fruit Growers Association will be held at Monett, Mo., January 2nd, 1923, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m. for the transaction of any business that may properly be brought before this meeting.

A full attendance is desired. J. W. STROUD, Secretary. DR. E. L. BEAL, President.

Mrs. H. L. Warford and small son Billie Smith left for their home in St. Louis, Tuesday morning, following a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Bouldin.

### FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET JANUARY 2

Annual Meeting Will Be Held at Monett—Prominent Horticulturists On Program.

The Ozark Fruit Growers' association will open its annual meeting at Monett, Tuesday, January 2, the session lasting two days. Tuesday morning will be devoted to business. Reports of officers, appointment of committees, election of three directors and three members of the strawberry committee. Tuesday afternoon the following program will be carried out:

"Importance of Keeping Up the Berry Acreage in the Ozark District," E. A. O'Dwyer, Monett.

Duties of Local Managers During Shipping Season," F. A. Talcott, Neosho, Mo.

"What Is the Difference Between a Central Sales Agency and Co-Operative Marketing, If Any?" R. M. Hitt, Koshkonong, Mo.

"The Needs and Benefits of Field Work," Charles Carmichael, Webb City.

"The Future of Grape Growing in the Ozarks," John P. Davis, Monett.

"Review of Past Season's Business," P. A. Rodgers, sales manager Ozark Fruit Growers' association.

"Importance of Grade and Pack," E. N. Plank, Decatur, Ark.

"Result of Co-Operative Marketing in West Tennessee," T. N. Nelson, Humboldt, Tenn.

"Value of a District Paper as a Factor in Stimulating a Deeper Interest in the Production of Small Fruits in the Ozarks," Cowgill Blair, Joplin.

"Plant Disease," C. R. Phipps, etomologist, Mountain Grove.

Address, D. E. Eicher, Frisco horticulturist.

Address, J. M. Crawford, division superintendent American Railway Express company, St. Louis.

Wednesday will be devoted to general discussion by delegates from all local associations.

### BIDS ON 7 ROADS TO BE OPENED SOON

Bids on seven highway projects, totaling about twenty-three miles, in six southwest Missouri counties, estimated to involve approximately \$250,000, are to be opened by the state highway commission through the division office at Joplin this week and next.

The largest of these is a 180-foot concrete bridge of three sixty-foot arches, and .32 of a mile eighteen-foot concrete highway at a point a short distance northeast of Carthage. Bids for this work will be opened at Carthage at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 28, by Ray Dunlap, division engineer in charge of the Joplin office.

The Carthage project is the only concrete job included in the seven. Two are gravel roads and the others graded earth.

Two of the projects are located in Cedar county, and one each in Vernon, Newton, Dade and Barry counties. One of the gravel roads is in Cedar county and the other in Barry. The Cedar county gravel road lies from Eldorado Springs to the St. Clair county line. It is 2.02 miles long. The Barry county road runs from Purdy to Cassville, a distance of 4.57 miles. The last named road already is graded and bridged and the contract which remains to be let involves only placing gravel on the road.

A sixty-foot single span concrete bridge is included in the Vernon county project. The road runs from Nevada to Eldorado Springs, and is a half mile long. The bridge crosses Fly creek.

The earthen road in Cedar county runs through Stockton, east and west, a distance of 4.08 miles.

The Newton county road is 4.62 miles long, reaching from Granby to the Barry county line.

The Dade county road is between Greenfield and Stockton and is 5.8 miles long.

The dates and places of the opening of the bids are as follows: Cedar county at Stockton, December 22; Vernon county at Nevada, December 23; Newton county at Neosho, December 27; Jasper county at Carthage, Dade at Greenfield and Barry at Cassville on December 28. All are to be opened at 2 p. m. on the dates indicated.

Letting of contracts to the lowest bidders will be subject to approval of the state highway commission at Jefferson City.

Considerable interest in the projects is being evinced by contractors and it is expected a large number of bids will be submitted.

Mrs. W. S. Blennerhassett was among the Monett people who visited in Joplin Tuesday.

Mrs. Z. Thacker of Kansas City, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Ash and Mr. Ash of Monett, went to Joplin Tuesday morning to be present during an operation upon Mr. Thacker who is confined to a hospital at that place.—Later: Mr. Thacker died.